

Testimony of

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Before the

Education Committee

Re:

**HB 5286: AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PRESERVICE PERFORMANCE
ASSESSMENT FOR TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.**

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Good morning, Senator McCrory, Representative Sanchez, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 5286 and the elimination of the statewide implementation of the preservice performance assessment, edTPA.

The edTPA does not provide a valid measure of an individual's ability to teach and work with students. The only 'benefit' to these assessments is the financial gain the Commissioner of Education receives.

Thank you for addressing these critical issues impacting our students, our educators, and our school communities.